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SUBJ: GUAYAQUIL ARCHBISHOP ATTACKS SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

1. ARCHBISHOP OF GUAYAQUIL, BERNADINO ECEVERRIA RUIZ, DELIVERED GOOD FRIDAY MESSAGE TO CROWD HE ESTIMATED AT 250,000 COMPOSED OF HALF OF POPULATION OF "SUBURBIO" (GUAYAQUIL SLUM DISTRICT). ARCHBISHOP ATTACKED SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE GUAYAQUIL'S VAST ARMY OF URBAN POOR, ESPECIALLY RISING COSTS OF FOOD AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES.

2. PLACING BLAME ON SELFISH AND UNSCRUPULOUS SPECULATORS, ARCHBISHOP SAID WHILE PEOPLE ARE DYING OF HUNGER OTHERS SPECULATE WITH THIS HUNGER MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY OR INCOME FROM HONEST LABOR. HE VOICED FEAR "THAT THIS EXPLOITATION, THIS SELFISHNESS, THIS INSATIABLE DESIRE FOR SELF-ENRICHMENT THROUGH EXPLOITING AND SPECUALTING WITH POVERTY WILL ALSO BRING US OTHER CONVULSIONS OF A SOCIO-ECONOMIC NATURE." ARCHBISHOP CALLED ON AUTHORITIES TO STUDY AGONIZING AND DESPERATE SITUATION OF PEOPLE AND ASKED GOD TO AID THESE AUTHORITIES IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS.
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